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Kolskiy Zaliv

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1. A report of Soviet naval vessels, gun emplacements, and antennas sighted in the Kolskiy Zaliv on 5 June and 8 June 1957

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2. The vessels sighted included 10 cruisers on 5 June 1957
and 11 cruisers on 8 June 1957

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1. 1) A small naval vessel, type as a minesweeper [redacted] was lying slightly [redacted] the entrance to Kola Bay on the western side; it apparently functioned as a guard ship.
- 2) About 1 1/2 nautical mile further inside on the same side there was one more guard ship, same type. [redacted] 25X1
- 3) In a small bay across from the above-mentioned there were 9 naval vessels [redacted] described as mine-sweepers. [redacted] 25X1
- 4) A total of 10 cruisers of the same type was observed in the Kola Bay near the Vaenga Bay. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] In addition, one more cruiser of the same size and armament, but with a more rounded stern. [redacted] 25X1
- 5) There were 2 destroyers [redacted] on the eastern side behind an island (the Salmi island). Flush deck, two stacks, three-legged mast, gun turret in front of the bridge and behind the aftermost stack; torpedo tubes midship,
- 6) 25 MTB's were lying ashore on the western and northern side of a peninsula (Mishuko Pt.).
- 7) Slightly south of this also on the western side there were 4 small submarines [redacted] 25X1
- 8) There were 4 small submarines on the eastern side south of a small shipyard (in the Rosta district). [redacted] 25X1

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[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] No armament, no net-cutter in the stem. In the same location there was a small mother ship or depot vessel.

8 June 1957

9) The submarines mentioned in para 1.7) had disappeared. The 4 mentioned in para 1.8) were in the same location.

10) [redacted] cruisers [redacted] in the bay [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] and four more lying at a bunkering place. [redacted] 25X1

11) In the bay: 1 minesweeper [redacted]

12) In the bay: 2 gray-painted ice-breakers. [redacted]

13) In the bay: 2 destroyers [redacted]

14) In the bay; further out: 9 minesweepers. [redacted]

2. 1) Emplacements were observed on the western side of the bay. 3 emplacements were seen. The guns themselves were not seen, since they were covered by camouflage nets. They were slightly WSW of Roster.

2) Various masts (radar, radio, and signal masts) were seen along the bay; they were placed every 3/4 nautical mile on the western side and every 1 nautical mile on the eastern side.

COMMENTS

[redacted] 10 25X1
cruisers. [redacted] observations indicate reasonable accuracy [redacted]

One might imagine that the shipyard in Molotovsk has had sufficient capacity to build 4 cruisers. If this is the case, they must almost have had to cease all other building activities. Since the building of cruisers in Leningrad has been partly ceased, according to our knowledge, shipbuilding people from the cruiser building may have been transferred from Leningrad to Molotovsk.

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